

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GREGORY C. COATES,

Petitioner,

v.

GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA,

Respondent.

Case No. 20-7781-SVK

ORDER OF TRANSFER

Petitioner, a state prisoner at San Quentin State Prison, has filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Petitioner challenges his state conviction from the Superior Court of Riverside County. Venue for a habeas petition is proper in either the district of the confinement or the district of conviction. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d). However, petitions challenging a conviction or sentence are preferably heard in the district of conviction. *See* Habeas L.R. 2254-3(b)(1); *Laue v. Nelson*, 279 F. Supp. 265, 266 (N.D. Cal. 1968). Here, because petitioner challenges a conviction from Riverside County, the Central District of California, Eastern Division, is the district of conviction.

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1 Accordingly, this case is **TRANSFERRED** to the United States District Court for the
2 Central District of California, Eastern Division. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a). The Clerk shall
3 terminate all pending motions and transfer the entire file to the Central District of California.

4 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

5 DATED: December 2, 2020


6 SUSAN VAN KEULEN
7 United States Magistrate Judge
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